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For: BIOLOGICAL SPECIMEN	]	
COLLECTION APPARATUS	]	

SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith, for independent review by the Examiner, is a copy of the documents listed on form PTO-1449, also submitted herewith.

AF is directed to a urine specimen collection device that includes support structure to be supported by a commode, and a removably disposed collection cup. Specifically, the support structure is supported by a seat supported by the commode.

AG is directed to a specimen collector for a commode or similar article, that includes a support bracket structure portion to be supported by a commode, and a specimen collector portion.

AR describes a commode specimen collection unit that includes support bracket structure to be supported by a commode, and a removably disposed collection cup. Applicant has been informed that when in place, the AR support structure is not intended to be adjustably positioned forward/rearward by an individual seated on a commode seat. Dimensions of different brands of commercially available commodes, are approximately as follows:

Widest from outside to outside  
14 inches

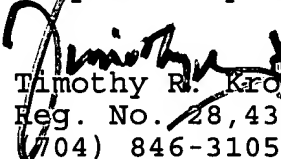
Narrowest from outside to outside  
10 inches

14½	13 1/4
14½ (elongated)	11½
14	11
14	12
15½	11 3/4

The narrowest dimension is approximately as far to the front of the commode as is estimated will allow placement of the AR collection unit. Even though a seat generally extends beyond a toilet bowl about 1/2" on each side (Fig. 2 of the subject patent application is illustrative) and thus reduces access to the ends of a support bracket by an individual seated on the seat, consideration of the foregoing dimensions and the 13 5/8 inch length of the AR support bracket, indicates that limited positionability of the AR support bracket by a seated individual, exists in the case of some support structures.

In contrast, the inventive apparatus provides convenient forward/rearward positioning by a seated individual, and referring to the foregoing widest dimensions, a wide range of positions for commercially available commodes, that extends to usefulness in collecting stool specimens. The convenient forward/rearward positioning is particularly useful for adjusting the position of a specimen collector to collect a midstream urine specimen when seated. Furthermore, the inventive apparatus may further include a sterile cup, which may accordingly be adjusted forward/rearward for catching the midstream urine sample (this advantage is disclosed at page 10, lines 29-31).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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